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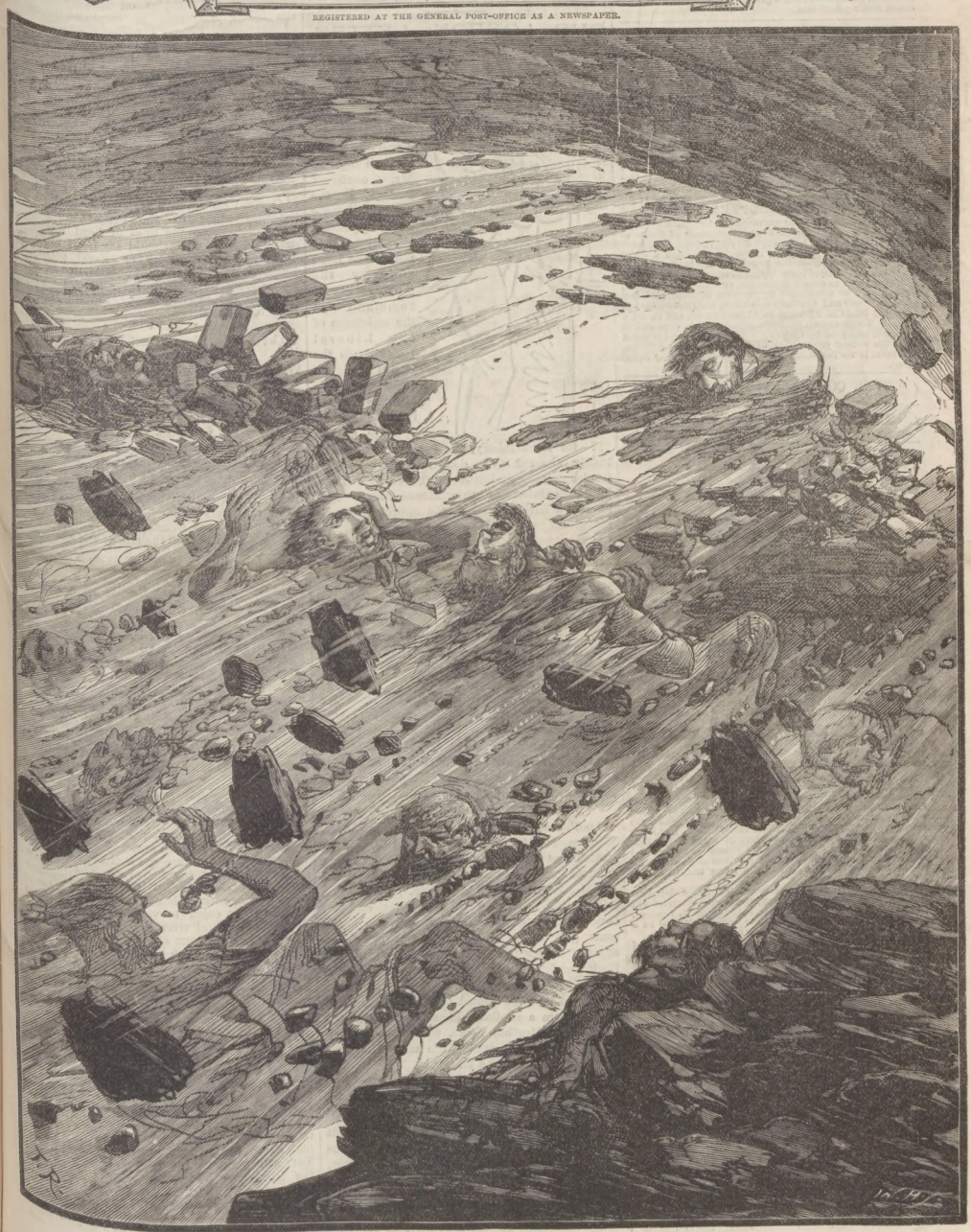

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ANGLO-DANISH EXHIBITION.

THE Danish Government has decided to send a man-of-war to England in order that the sailors may take part in the ceremonial at the opening of the exhibition by H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, on May 14. The vessel will be, to a large extent, manned by cadets, members of some of the best families of Denmark, and including Prince George, second son of the King of Greece, and a Prince of the reigning house of Siam, both of whom are being trained in the Danish Navy.

To be held on the popular site of the Col-Indian Exhibition at South Kensington, the Anglo-Daneries will provide London with a charming entertainment, musical, interesting, and instructive, such as ought always to be a feature of London life in Spring and Summer.

The Princess of Wales has consented to receive purses of five guineas and upwards on the opening of the Anglo-Danish Exhibition and Fete in aid of rebuilding the British Home for Incurables. Ladies and children desirous of thus aiding this national charity will please communicate with the secretary, Mr. R. G. Salmond, 73, Cheapside, E.C.

MR. THOMAS R. MACQUOID, an artist of exceptional skill and industry, is helping forward a good cause by exhibiting a fine collection of his water-colour paintings and drawings in black and white at Nevern House, Nevern-square, Earl's-court—in what was known as the "Wild West of London" whilst Buffalo Bill's American Show drew all London to Earl's-court. The exhibition, which is on behalf of St. Matthias' Church, closes to-day (Saturday).

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SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 1888.

OUR LONDON LETTER.

MR. GLADSTONE last Monday exhibited all his old marvellous mastery of figures in his lucid hour-and-a-half speech against Mr. Goschen's Budget. But the veteran Leader of the Opposition signally failed to reduce the large majority the Government command with the assistance of the Liberal Unionists in the House of Commons. The division resulted in a majority of 93—310 against 217—for the Ministry, the supporters of which lustily cheered this decisive defeat of Mr. Gladstone's amendment to the effect "That, in the opinion of this House, after Parliament shall have made the appropriations it may deem just in relief of local rates, the duties accruing upon deaths should be so fixed as to equalise the charge upon real and personal property, respectively." But the principle of Mr. Gladstone's proposal is so just that it will certainly win public favour outside Parliament. Perhaps the most significant feature of Monday's sharp debate was the widening of the political gap that parts Mr. Gladstone and the Marquis of Hartington.

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The late Mr. Samuel Morley, M.P., laboured so strenuously to improve the condition of the working-classes—he lavished his wealth with so generous a hand in this cause—that the project to make the Victoria Music Hall, so admirably conducted by Miss Cons, a Morley Memorial, should receive instant public support.

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Another sterling London philanthropist, Mr. William Frederick Rock, who does good by stealth and blushes to find it fame, is to be credited with another munificent gift. That genial nobleman, Earl Fortescue, paid a warm tribute the other day to Mr. Rock and his benevolent sister, Mrs. Payne, for their handsome gift of a Seaside Sanatorium as an adjunct to Barnstaple Infirmary. Whilst Mr. Rock and Mrs. Payne make Devonshire the present of the building wherein poor convalescents are to be ozoned back to health, Lord Fortescue, in a similarly liberal spirit, gave the site for the Morthoe home, which has inspired Mr. Rock to write one of the most charming poems I have read for a long time.

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Sir Algernon Borthwick, M.P., by common consent made one of the best chairmen the Press Club has ever had at its annual dinner. But many would have preferred to see the zealous President of the Press Club, Mr. James Walker, in the chair at the feast at the Freemasons' Tavern. Genial Mr. Thomas, of the *Daily Chronicle*, took as guests the Earl of Onslow and General Sir Edward Hamley, who, in replying for the Army, made a Boulanger bid for public pressure to reform our military system.

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To have had his distinguished and immeasurably great services to the State as the munificent pioneer of Ocean Telegraphy enthusiastically and heartily acknowledged by public men of the rank of the Earl of Derby, General Lord Wolseley, the Marquis of Tweeddale, and Lord Bury, must have been most gratifying to Sir John Pender, K.C.M.G. I have never heard Lord Derby speak so earnestly as he did at the Pender banquet on Monday night at the Hôtel Métropole in emphatic laudation of Sir John Pender's noble life-work. In accepting for Lady Pender Herkomer's fine presentation portrait of himself—a little less firm in the mouth than the original really is, but otherwise a good likeness—Sir John Pender made a characteristically earnest speech of thanks. Sir James Anderson and the testimonial committee may be congratulated on the complete success of their complimentary dinner to a great public benefactor.

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By-the-way, Lord Wolseley's guarded reply for the Army was palpably meant as an answer to General Sir Edward Hamley's speech of last Saturday night at the Press Club dinner. Reading between the lines of Lord Wolseley's grave declaration, I should say he is in favour of compulsory military or naval service in England. I hold that every able-bodied Englishman should be made to serve a term of years either in the Regular Army, the Navy, or the Reserved Forces.

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The London Season will begin in earnest in May. On the Seventh, the Royal Academy opens. On the Eighth, the Queen comes to town to hear "The Golden Legend," conducted by Sir Arthur Sullivan himself, at a special matinée in the Albert Hall. Coaching men will be in their element at Hatchett's. Royal Drawingrooms are to infuse a little spasmodic life into Buckingham Palace. The West-End is to flock to the remarkably attractive Royal Naval and Military Bazaar, to be held in the handsome Whitehall Rooms of the Hôtel Métropole. Then, on the Fourteenth of May, the Princess of Wales is appropriately to inaugurate what bids fair to be London's best Summer show: the Anglo-Danish Exhibition, on the site of the Col-Indian, to be brilliant once again with the Illuminated Baden-Baden Concerts which proved so popular in the gardens that, I repeat, it is a wonder to me they were not maintained as a standing attraction at South Kensington.

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Greatly daring, a new Directorate is about to make a fresh attempt to run the Alexandra Palace. Charmingly situated on one of the very healthiest heights in the north of London, the Alexandra Palace has my best wishes for its success. A jaunt to Muswell-hill—the summit, not the base, where racing goes on—is always invigorating. Saturday, May 12, is fixed for the opening. Sims Reeves, Foli, and Antoinette Sterling are to sing at the reopening concert on Saturday, May 12.

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Sir James Linton contributes two exquisitely painted pictures to the new Exhibition of the Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colours at the Piccadilly galleries; and the collection generally is rich in good work. This is the place to buy a cheap picture—one that shall be a thing of beauty and a joy for ever. The singular exclusion of Mr. Keeley Halswelle's landscape from the Academy should make picture-lovers all the more eager to view this accomplished painter's beautiful river scenes at the Institute. The places of honour are worthily occupied by Keeley Halswelle's "Christchurch, Hants" (151), Mr. John Fulleylove's fine "Magdalen Tower and Bridge, Oxford" (147), and by the forceful and characteristic "Village Idyll" (164):—

After the buoyant, happy day of youth
Comes the calm eventide of age.

What if Spring be tardy? A glance at Mr E. M. Wimperis's breezy "Moor at Inverokel, Ross-shire" (169) transports you to an expanse of gladdening heath. I commend to the Chairman of the P. and O. the realistic deck scene painted by Mr. W. Hatherell in No. 231. Summer is conjured up in Mr. Bernard Evans's "Bolton Abbey" (322), full of verdant beauty. For humour, Mr. Charles Green takes the palm with his admirably natural rendering of Mr. Turveydrop's Dancing Academy" (365), in which the illustrious Turveydrop (from whom Mr. Henry Chaplin, M.P., must have taken lessons in Parliamentary deportment) figures as a model of George the Fourth. I should fancy the poetical stillness of Mr. Thomas Pyne's English river

scene (660) will send many a holiday-maker to Sandwich. I may remind those who find pleasure in having good pictures on their walls that the Royal Institute Art Union affords a capital opportunity to secure an admirable painting cheaply. The drawing of the £15,000 worth of pictures, to be distributed by this Art Union as prizes, takes place in June.

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What a wigging Mr. Harry Furniss, *Punch*'s arch humorist of the pencil, gave the Royal Academy at his lime-light lecture on the "Seven Ages of an Artist!" I congratulate this estimable Artist and downright good fellow upon being honoured with the support of a friendly "leader" in the *Times*. He should feel encouraged to repeat his most amusing and clever lecture—with views—at St. James's Hall. More diverting in its way than his successful pictorial skit on the R.A. in the gallery he pluckily opened in New Bond-street, this illustrated lecture on Art provoked much laughter at the Birkbeck Institute. Mr. Harry Furniss's satire and fun, verbal and pictorial, briskly backed by the *Times*, should bring about the desired reform of the Academy, and the enrolment by the old fogies of that body of Water-Colour Painters and Black-and-White Artists. When that time comes, I expect to find Mr. Harry Furniss an R.A. himself, and as Conservative and exclusive as the R.A.'s of the present day are. Meanwhile, by no means neglect the chance you have to judge for yourself of the merits of Mr. Furniss's exceptionally entertaining and quite novel Art lecture, which is delivered with admirable clearness of voice.

[*Town Edition.*] PHILIP.

Queen: Court: Fashion.

Her Majesty the Queen left Florence for Berlin last Sunday evening. The streets were brilliantly illuminated, and there was a dense crowd. The Queen and Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg drove from the Villa Palmieri to the station in an open carriage, and were cordially greeted by the crowd.

Queen Victoria, on her way to Berlin, met the Emperor of Austria, on Monday, at Innsbrück. The Emperor, who left Vienna on Sunday, reached Innsbrück in the morning, accompanied by Prince Hohenlohe, Grand Marshal of the Court, and by Count Paar, Aide-de-Camp. The whole city was beflagged, and the weather was lovely. Soon after one p.m. the Emperor drove down from the castle to the railway-station, wearing the gala uniform of an Austrian Field Marshal—that is, a white tunic, with red trousers, and a green feathered cocked-hat. Over his tunic his Majesty wore the broad blue ribbon of the Order of the Garter. Punctually at 1.25 p.m. the Queen's train entered the station. The Emperor of Austria at once crossed the platform to assist her Majesty, who was accompanied by Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, and by Sir Augustus Paget, to alight; but, before the Emperor could enter the Queen's saloon, her Majesty stepped out upon the platform. His Majesty then kissed hands, and, bending to do so, the Queen kissed first his right and then his left cheek, a greeting the Emperor returned in a similar way. His Imperial Majesty and the Queen lunched together. Here is the menu of the Imperial luncheon:—

Consommé Royal. Truites de rivière au bleu; sauce Hollandaise. Fillet de bœuf à l'Impératrice; Asperges en branches. Poulards de Styrie. Salade à la Française. Compotes.

The Queen, accompanied by Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, arrived at Charlottenburg on Tuesday morning, and was received at the railway station by the Empress, the Crown Prince and Princess, and the Hereditary Prince and Princess of Saxe-Meiningen. There were also present Prince Henry, Princesses Victoria, Sophia, and Margaret, the Duke of Rutland, Sir E. Malet, and the members of the British Embassy, and the Burgomaster and the heads of the Municipal Council of Charlottenburg. The Royal party then drove to the castle, the Queen sitting in the first carriage, by the side of the Empress, the Crown Prince and Princess Beatrice occupying the opposite seat.

The Queen, who had not seen the Emperor Frederick since his departure from England after the conclusion of the Jubilee festivities, has more than once, it is reported, expressed her great surprise at seeing his Majesty so little changed, especially in view of the accounts which had reached her of late.

An interesting incident took place on Sunday afternoon, when many thousands who were out for their Sunday holiday had assembled in front of the Charlottenburg Palace. A lady in the crowd proposed to buy up all the violets which the venders were selling there, and make a bouquet of them to send in to the Emperor as a greeting from his people. This was no sooner said than done. The Emperor was much moved by this hearty proof of sympathy, and wrote on a slip of paper, "Does the Empress know about it? If not, I request her to go and speak to the lady." The Empress, however, had been informed of the circumstance, and sent for the lady, who was a doctor's wife from Frankfort. Her Majesty, who was much moved, expressed her thanks, and said the Emperor was greatly pleased, and had pressed the flowers to his heart, saying he wished the people to receive his most hearty thanks for the proof of their love they had given him, and which had caused him so much gratification. With this answer the lady went out to the crowd. She held in her hand, as a precious momento, the slip of paper. It is difficult to describe the scene which took place, how she was surrounded and followed by thousands who wanted to hear the words over and over again, and displayed the greatest enthusiasm.

From Berlin it is announced that the fortune left by the late Emperor William amounts to twenty-four million marks. Of this sum he has bequeathed three millions to the Empress Augusta, and one million each to the Grand Duchess of Baden, the Crown Prince and Princess, and Prince Henry.

The Prince of Wales, attended by the Hon. H. Tyrwhitt Wilson and Sir F. Knollys, arrived at Marlborough House on Monday afternoon from Sandringham.

The Marchioness of Salisbury will hold receptions at 20, Arlington-street, on May 2, 9, and 16.

The Baroness Burdett-Coutts, who was one of the passengers by the Channel steamer Invicta, which stranded on the French coast last Monday night, landed safely at Calais, we are happy to say.

The death of Mary, Dowager Lady Kilmaine, occurred on Sunday last.

Princess Christian visited the east of London on Saturday to open the new lecture-hall of the Working-Lads' Institute, in the Whitechapel-road. Her Royal Highness was received by the Lord Mayor, president of the institute, and other officials, and having declared the hall open, purses were presented containing an aggregate of about £600.

Sir Edward Malet, the British Ambassador in Berlin, in acknowledging the second instalment of the Lord Mayor's fund for relieving the distress of the sufferers by the inundations in Prussia, observes that the liberal contributions sent from England have been the subject of most grateful comment in Germany. The lamentable floods were illustrated in our two-page Engraving last week.

A marriage is to take place between the Earl of Buckinghamshire and Miss Mercer-Henderson, the great Fifeshire heiress. This alliance (writes the London correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian*) will be the means of restoring a fine title and a beautiful seat to their former and appropriate splendour.

Shakspeare's Birthday was last Monday night celebrated by the customary Urban Club dinner in London. Stratford-on-Avon was also gay with flags and banners in celebration of the 324th anniversary of the birth of Shakspeare. The annual series of dramatic performances in the Memorial Theatre took place at night, the revival this year being Shakspeare's "Midsummer's Night's Dream." The annual meeting of Shakspeare's Birth-place Trustees and similar bodies will be held on May 5, and Mr. Irving is expected to be present.

M. Waddington, in conference with M. Goblet, before returning to London, was instructed to say that if the duty on bottled French wines be maintained, there must be reprisals on English goods imported into France.

The Bologna Exhibition will be opened on May 6, in presence of the King and Queen of Italy.

DEPLORABLE COLLIERY DISASTER NEAR WORKINGTON.

With their lives in their hands do our brave colliers daily descend to hew out coal from our darksome coal-mines; but such disasters as the one which has happened near Workington are, happily, becoming rarer, thanks to the rigid supervision now insisted upon by the Legislature. A terrible explosion occurred at St. Helen's colliery, Workington, on Thursday night, April 19, by which thirty men lost their lives, and several were seriously injured. The pit took fire in the morning while a shot was being fired. At nine o'clock a gas-blower burst into flame, and created great consternation. During the whole day men had been employed in endeavouring to wall-off that section of the pit, and at about six o'clock they came to the top for refreshments. The party numbered about thirty-five. They descended the pit again, and at about eight o'clock, while the managers were in the office consulting the plan of the workings, so as to facilitate the work of extinguishing the fire, an explosion took place, which shook the whole of the buildings on the pit-top. It seems that the air-course had been diverted, leading to an accumulation of gas. On looking out of the office the managers saw dense volumes of smoke issuing from the pit-mouth. They went to the top, and signalled down the shaft, but could get no response. They therefore proceeded to draw up the cage carefully, and when it reached the top they found that it contained the body of one of the workers fearfully burned.

The report of the explosion had brought a crowd to the pit-mouth, and several men at once nobly volunteered to go down the shaft and explore the pit. Mr. Johnstone, the chief manager, and his younger brother headed the party, and they descended. Three men were speedily sent up from the pit all severely injured, but able to be removed to their homes; ten were sent up dead, and seven others severely injured, two of them dying shortly after reaching the surface. The other five, after receiving medical aid, were removed to the infirmary. There were still twelve or thirteen others in the workings; but the exploring party had to retire owing to the after-damp.

Many of the gallant searchers, indeed, were already terribly affected by the gas, and had to be sent to the surface, where they arrived in a state of unconsciousness. Those who suffered most were the two Messrs. Johnstone. The party had, however, discovered that all those left in the pit must inevitably be dead, for had any survived the shock of the explosion they must, beyond a doubt, have died of suffocation by the after-damp. There were indications the next morning that a second explosion was impending, and it was therefore decided to flood the pit. There were nineteen horses in the pit, twelve of which were killed. Only one man escaped unhurt. As soon as he reached the surface and had recovered from the shock, he volunteered to join one of the rescuing gangs, and worked with extraordinary vigour throughout the night.

With praiseworthy promptitude, the Workington Local Board organised a relief fund for the widows and orphans who have lost their bread-winners. For the information of those who would like a memento of this sad catastrophe, it may be mentioned that Messrs. Swinburne and Sons, of Wilson-street, Workington, have taken a good photographic view of the St. Helen's Colliery.

There was a fashionable assemblage at St. Augustine's Church, Queen's-gate, on Tuesday afternoon, to witness the marriage of Miss Sybil Isabella Disraeli, second daughter of Mr. Ralph Disraeli, and niece of the late Lord Beaconsfield, to Mr. John Selwin Calverley. The service was fully choral, and the officiating clergy were the Rev. Canon Capel Cure, uncle of the bridegroom, the Venerable Archdeacon Farrar, and the Rev. R. R. Chope, Vicar of St. Augustine's. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a costume of white moire, draped with crêpe de Chine and sprays of orange-blossom, and tulle veil fastened with diamond ornaments. The bridesmaids were Miss Marguerite Disraeli, the bride's sister, Miss Capel Cure, Miss Walker, Miss Mildred Walker, and Miss Graham. They were attired in dresses of white mousseline de laine, with sashes and revers of primrose-coloured moire, and hats to correspond. Each carried a bouquet of primroses and wore a gold pin brooch, a double S monogram entwined in pearls. Mr. Arthur Capel Cure acted as best man. A feature of the ceremony were the wedding favours, which were composed of small bunches of primroses tied with white ribbon.

THE EMPEROR FREDERICK IN THE ORANGERY, CHARLOTTENBURG.

THE EMPEROR FREDERICK.

The hearty sympathies of every fair-minded Englishman have been with the Emperor Frederick and the Empress Victoria of Germany during the sad crisis in the deplorable malady which has laid his Imperial Majesty low. At every breakfast-table, when the morning paper has been unfolded, it may be taken for certain that everyone first read with the greatest interest and anxiety the Berlin telegram which disclosed the latest condition of the German Emperor. His Imperial Majesty is on the present page sketched as he was accustomed to take walking exercise in the Orangery of the Charlottenberg Palace (the refurnishing of which, by-the-way, has been done by Berlin upholsterers under the skilful supervision of one of the artistic heads of the great London firm of Collinson and Lock.). The German Emperor is also portrayed on another page as he laboured to discharge his State duties whilst kept to his bed last week; the German doctors and Sir Morell Mackenzie and Dr. Mark Hovell being unremitting in their zealous efforts to mitigate his sufferings from the cruel throat disease. The Empress and Prince Von Bismarck are limned with the illustrious patient, of whom Baron Reuter's Berlin agent wrote on April 19:—"The energy with which the Emperor persists in transacting State business is the theme of universal admiration. His work is rendered more difficult by the necessity he is under of conducting the conversation in writing; and the Empress has often to be summoned to decipher the almost illegible characters in which her husband has indicated his wishes, and to save him the annoyance of rewriting what he has inscribed on the paper."

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The Emperor was able last Saturday (after receiving his relatives) to grant an audience to Prince Bismarck, who stayed with him about an hour. The report that the Emperor said to Field-Marshal Count Blumenthal the other day "My dear Blumenthal, I can hardly bear it any longer," is declared by the *Norddeutsche* to be utterly without foundation. The same authority also denies the truth of the statement that the Emperor had said to one of the Court Chaplains "Do not pray for my recovery; pray for my release." On the other hand, the semi-official organ states that in conversation with the Crown Prince, the Emperor wrote the words, "Learn to suffer without complaining. That is the only thing I can teach you." About the following incident there is no doubt. The Emperor summoned a day or two ago his oldest servant, Becker, who, having grown exceedingly deaf, was pensioned off a long time back. When he entered the room the Emperor, after shaking hands with him, wrote on a sheet of paper—

"We are both unfortunate. You cannot hear, I cannot speak; but I am much more unfortunate than you." Becker kissed his old master's hand with much emotion.

GENERAL BOULANGER, M.P.

While holding General Boulanger was most unfairly treated by the last two French Governments, and deeming his retirement from active service was a stupid bit of despotism, we exceedingly regret the Army Reformer who has done so much for the French Army has assumed a tone which appears to point to a desire to become Dictator of France. *La belle France* has suffered too much from previous Dictators to permit another B. to be in her bonnet. The only danger is that a generous sympathy with General Boulanger should induce Frenchmen to give that somewhat theatrical officer power which he might be led to abuse. That his wholesale censure of the existing Corps Législatif is naturally resented by that hitherto chaotic and unbusinesslike assembly may be gathered from our Artist's Illustration.

General Boulanger, the elect of Le Nord, on Thursday week received a popular welcome when he drove through the streets of Paris from the Hôtel du Louvre to the Corps Législatif to take his seat. M. Laguerre sat on General Boulanger's right, Count Dillon in front of M. Laguerre, and next him M. Déroulède. The equipage advanced slowly up the narrow lane which the police and people with much trouble opened. Bouquets were flung from some of the windows. At La Place de la Concorde, which was guarded by more than a thousand policemen, the crowd surged towards the carriage. Up the Champs Elysée there was a block of carriages, with the horses' heads turned towards the Place de la Concorde, and people standing on the drivers' seats.

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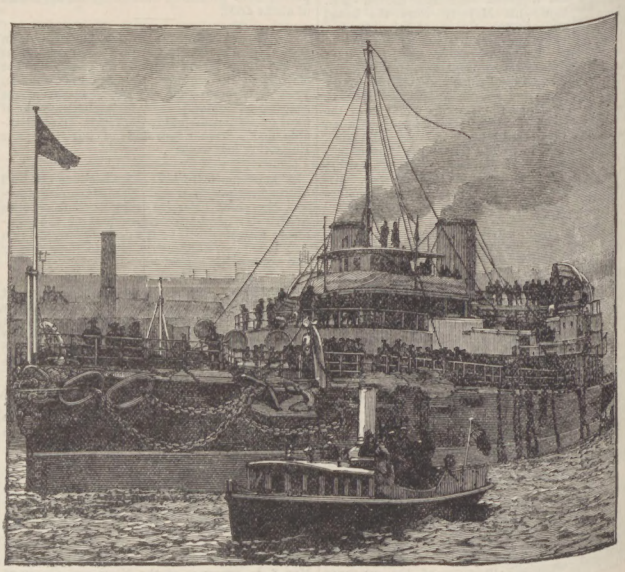
The manifestation against General Boulanger took place in the large lobby, or Salle de la Paix, of the Chamber, into which the deputy of Le Nord entered on alighting, escorted by the seven Boulangists of the Extreme Left and by the editors of some of his Press organs. This hall was very full. Those in it fell into line on each side, and craned forward to see him. Thinking they wanted to show sympathy, he smiled. A storm instantaneously broke out. Keys were used as whistles. "A bas le Dictateur!" "A bas Boulanger!" "Vive la République!" were shouted. Anger convulsed every face, and indignation was shown by all. For a moment the deputy of Le Nord flinched, and then, regaining self-possession, went laughing into the Chamber to take his seat near M. Félix Pyat.



H.M.S. VICTORIA AT NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

"A STRANGE MANUSCRIPT": THE "ATOLLA" OR CRADLE ISLANDS.

A STRANGE MANUSCRIPT
FOUND IN A COPPER CYLINDER.

CHAPTER XXVI.

GRIMM'S LAW AGAIN.

Dinner was now announced, and Oxenden laid the manuscript aside; whereupon they adjourned to the cabin, where they proceeded to discuss both the repast and the manuscript.

"Well," said Featherstone, "More's story seems to be approaching a crisis. What do you think of it now, Melick? Do you still think it is a sensational novel?"

"Partly so," said Melick; "but it would be nearer the mark to call it a satirical romance."

"Why not a scientific romance?"

"Because there's precious little science in it, but a good deal of quiet satire."

"Satire on what?" asked Featherstone. "I'll be hanged if I can see it."

"Oh, well," said Melick, "on things in general. The satire is directed against the restlessness of humanity; its impulses, feelings, hopes, and fears—all that men do and feel and suffer. It mocks us by exhibiting a new race of men, animated by passions and impulses which are directly the opposite of ours, and yet no nearer happiness than we are. It shows us a world where our evil is made a good, and our good an evil. There, all that we consider a blessing is had in abundance—prolonged and perpetual sunlight, riches, power, fame—and yet these things are despised, and the people, turning away from them, imagine that they can find happiness in poverty, darkness, death, and unrequited love. The writer thus mocks at all our dearest passions and strongest desires; and his general aim is to show that the mere search for happiness *per se* is a vulgar thing, and must always result in utter nothingness. The writer also teaches the great lesson that the happiness of man consists not in external surroundings, but in the internal feelings; and that heaven itself is not a place, but a state. It is the old lesson which Milton extorted from Satan:—

What matter where, if I be still the same—

Or again:—

The mind is its own place, and of itself
Can make a heaven of hell, a hell of heaven.

"That's good too," cried Oxenden. "That reminds me of the German commentators, who find in the 'Agamemnon' of Æschylus or the 'Œdipus' of Sophocles, or the 'Hamlet' of Shakspeare motives and purposes of which the authors could never have dreamed, and give us a metaphysical, beer-and-tobacco, High-Dutch Clytemnestra or Antigone or Lady Macbeth. No, my boy; More was a simple sailor, and had no idea of satirising anything."

"How, then, do you account for the perpetual undercurrent of meaning and innuendo that may be found in every line?"

"I deny that there is anything of the sort," said Oxenden. "It is a plain narrative of facts; but the facts are themselves such that they give a new colouring to the facts of our own life. They are in such profound antithesis to European ways that we consider them as being written merely to indicate that difference. It is like the 'Germania' of Tacitus, which many critics still hold to be a satire on Roman ways, while, as a matter of fact, it is simply a narrative of German manners and customs."

"I hope," cried Melick, "that you do not mean to compare this awful rot and rubbish to the 'Germania' of Tacitus?"

"By no means," said Oxenden; "I merely asserted that in one respect they were analogous. You forced on the allusion to the 'Germania' by calling this 'rot and rubbish' a satirical romance."

"What do you understand by this athaleb, doctor?" asked Featherstone.

"Well," said the doctor, "as I was saying, it must be undoubtedly the pterodactyl. It is a most extraordinary animal, and is a species of flying lizard, although differing from the lizard in many respects. It had the head and neck of a bird, the trunk and tail of an ordinary mammal, the jaws and teeth of a reptile, and the wings of a bat. Owen describes one whose sweep of wings exceeded twenty feet, and many have been found of every gradation of size down to that of a bat. There is no reason why they should not be as large as More says; and I for my part do not suspect him of exaggeration. Some have supposed that a late-lingering individual may have suggested the idea of the fabulous dragon—an idea which seems to be in the minds of nearly all the human race, for in the early records of many nations we find the destruction of dragons assigned to their gods and heroes. The figure of the pterodactyl represents pretty closely that which is given to the dragons. It is not impossible that they may have survived into the period which we call prehistoric, and that monsters far larger than any which we have yet discovered may have lingered until the time when man began to increase upon the earth, to spread over its surface, and to carve upon wood and stone representations of the most striking objects around him. When the living pterodactyls had disappeared the memory of them was preserved; some new features were added, and the imagination went so far as to endow them with the power of belching forth smoke and flames. Thus the dragon idea pervaded the minds of men, and instead of a natural animal it became a fabulous one.

"The fingers of the fore-legs were of the ordinary dimensions, and terminated with crooked nails, and these were probably used to suspend themselves from trees. When in repose it rested on its hind-legs like a bird, and held its neck curving behind, so that its enormous head should not disturb its equilibrium. The size and form of the feet, of the leg, and of the thigh prove that they could hold themselves erect with firmness, their wings folded, and move about in this way like birds, just as More describes them as doing. Like birds they could also perch on trees, and crawl like bats and lizards along the rocks and cliffs.

"Some think that they were covered with scales; but I am of the opinion that they had a horny hide, with a ridge of hair running down their backs—in which opinion I am sustained by More's account. The smaller kinds were undoubtedly insectivorous; but the larger ones must have been carnivorous, and probably fed largely on fish."

"Well, at any rate," said Melick, gravely, "this athaleb solves the difficult question as to how the Troglodytes emigrated to the South Pole."

"How?" asked the doctor.

"Why, they must have gone there on athalebs! Your friends the pterodactyls probably lingered longest among the Troglodytes, who, seeing that they were rapidly dying out, concluded to depart to another and a better world. One beauty of this theory is that it cannot possibly be disproved; another is that it satisfies all the requirements of the case; a third is that it accounts for the disappearance of the pterodactyls in our world, and their appearance at the South Pole. And there are forty or fifty other facts, all included in this theory, which I have not time just now to enumerate, but will try to do so after we have finished reading the manuscript. I will only add that the athaleb must be regarded as another link which binds the Kosekin to the Semitic race."

"Another link?" said Oxenden. "That I already have; and it is one that carries conviction with it."

"All your arguments invariably do, my dear fellow."

"What is it?" asked the doctor.

"The Kosekin alphabet," said Oxenden.

"I can't see how you can make anything out of that," said the doctor.

"Very well; I can easily explain," replied Oxenden. "In the first place, we must take the old Hebrew alphabet. I will write down the letters in their order first."

Saying this, he hastily jotted down some letters on a piece of paper, and showed to the doctor the following:—

	Labials.	Palatals.	Linguals.
A	B	C (or G)	D
E	F	Ch (or H)	Dh (or Th)
I	Liquids, L	M	N
O	P	K	T

"That," said he, "is substantially the order of the old Hebrew alphabet."

"But," said the doctor, "the Kosekin alphabet differs in its order altogether from that."

"That very difference can be shown to be all the stronger proof of a connection between them," said Oxenden.

"I should like to know how."

"The fact is," said Oxenden, "these letters are represented differently in the two languages, in exact accordance with Grimm's Law."

"By Jove!" cried Featherstone, "Grimm's Law again!"

"According to that law," continued Oxenden, "the letters of the alphabet ought to change their order. Now, let us leave out the vowels and linguals, and deal only with the mutes. First, we have in the Hebrew alphabet the medials B, G, and D. Very well; in the Kosekin we have standing first the thin letters, or tenues, according to Grimm's Law, namely, P, K, T. Next, we have in the Hebrew the aspirates F, Ch, Dh. In the Kosekin alphabet we have corresponding to them the medials B, G, D. Next, we have in the Hebrew the tenues, or thin letters, P, K, T. In the Kosekin we have the corresponding aspirates F, Ch, Th. The vowels, liquids, and sibilants need not be regarded just here; for the proof from the mutes is sufficient to satisfy any reasonable man."

"Well," said Melick, "I for one am thoroughly satisfied, and don't need another single word. The fact is, I never knew before the all-sufficient nature of Grimm's Law. Why, it can unlock any mystery! When I get home I must buy one—a tame one, if possible, and keep him with me always. It is more useful to a literary man than to any other. It is said that with a knowledge of Grimm's Law a man may wander through the world, from Iceland to Ceylon, and converse pleasantly in all the Indo-European languages. More must have had Grimm's Law stowed away somewhere about him; and that's the reason why he escaped the icebergs, the volcanoes, the cannibals, the subterranean channel monster, and arrived at last safe and sound in the land of the Kosekin. What I want is Grimm's Law—a nice tidy one, well-trained, in good working order, and kind in harness; and the moment I get one I intend to go to the land of the Kosekin myself."

CHAPTER XXVII.

OXENDEN PREACHES A SERMON.

"Magones," said the doctor, "is clearly a volcanic island, and, taken in connection with the other volcanoes around, shows how active must be the subterranean fires at the South Pole. It seems probable to me that the numerous caves of the Kosekin were originally fissures in the mountains, formed by convulsions of nature; and also that the places excavated by man must consist of soft volcanic rock, such as pumice-stone, or rather tufa, easily worked, and remaining permanently in any shape into which it may be fashioned. As to Magones, it seems another Iceland; for there are the same wild and hideous desolation, the same impassable wildernesses, and the same universal scenes of ruin, lighted up by the baleful and tremendous volcanic fires."

"But what of that little island on which they landed?" asked Featherstone. "That, surely, was not volcanic."

"No," said the doctor; "that must have been a coral island."

"By-the-bye, is it really true," asked Featherstone, "that these coral islands are the work of little insects?"

"Well, they may be called insects," replied the doctor; "they are living zoophytes of most minute dimensions, who, however, compensate for their smallness of size by their inconceivable numbers. Small as these are they have accomplished infinitely more than all that ever was done by the ichthyosaurus, the plesiosaurus, the pterodactyl, and the whole tribe of monsters that once filled the earth. Immense districts, and whole mountains have been built up by these minute creatures. They have been at work for ages, and are still at work. It is principally in the South Seas that their labours are carried on. Near the Maldive Islands they have formed a mass whose volume is equal to the Alps. Around New Caledonia they have built a barrier of reefs four hundred miles in length, and another along the north-west coast of Australia a thousand miles in length. In the Pacific Ocean, islands, reefs, and islets innumerable have been constructed by them, which extend for an immense distance."

A silence now followed, which was at last broken by Oxenden.

"After all," said he, "these monsters and marvels of nature form the least interesting feature in the land of the Kosekin. To me the people themselves are the chief subject of interest. Where did they get that strange, all-pervading love of death, which is as strong in them as love of life is in us?"

"Why, they got it from the imagination of the writer of the manuscript," interrupted Melick.

"Yes; it's easy to answer it from your point of view; yet from my point of view it is more difficult. I sometimes think that it may be the strong spirituality of the Semitic race, carried out under exceptionally favourable circumstances to the ultimate results; for the Semitic race more than all others thought little of this life, and turned their affections to the life that lives beyond this. The Kosekin may thus have had a spiritual development of their own, which ended in this.

"Yet there may be another reason for it, and I sometimes think that the Kosekin may be nearer the truth than we are. We have by nature a strong love of life—it is our dominant feeling—but yet there is in the minds of all men a deep underlying conviction of the vanity of life, and the worthlessness. In all ages and among all races the best, the purest, and the wisest have taught this truth, that human life is not a blessing; that the evil predominates over the good; and that our best hope is to gain a spirit of acquiescence with its inevitable ills."

"I'll give you the words of a poet," said Melick, "who takes a different view of the case. I think I'll sing them, with your permission."

Melick swallowed a glass of wine, and then sang the following:—

"They may rail at this life: from the hour I began it
I found it a life full of kindness and bliss;
And until they can show me some happier planet,
More social and bright, I'll content me with this.
As long as the world has such lips and such eyes
As before me this moment, enraptured, I see,
They may say what they will of their orbs in the skies,
But this earth is the planet for you, love, and me."

"What a pity it is," continued Melick, "that the writer of this manuscript had not the philological, theological, sociological, geological, palæological, ontological, ornithological, and all the other logical attainments of yourself and the doctor? He could then have given us a complete view of the nature of the Kosekin, morally and physically; he could have treated of the geology of the soil, the ethnology of the people, and could have unfolded before us a full and comprehensive view of their philosophy and religion, and could have crammed his manuscript with statistics. I wonder why he didn't do it even as it was. It must have been a strong temptation."

"More," said Oxenden, with deep impressiveness, "was a simple-minded though somewhat emotional sailor, and merely wrote in the hope that his story might one day meet the eyes of his father. I certainly should like to find some more accurate statements about the science, philosophy, and religion of the Kosekin; yet, after all, such things could not be expected."

"Why not?" said Melick; "it was easy enough for him."

"How?" asked Oxenden.

"Why, he had only to step into the British Museum, and in a couple of hours he could have crammed up on all those points in science, philosophy, sociology, and theology, about which you are so anxious to know."

"Well," said Featherstone, "suppose we continue our reading? I believe it is my turn now. I sha'n't be able to hold out so long as you did, Oxenden; but I'll do what I can."

Saying this Featherstone took the manuscript and went on to read.

(To be continued.)

THE IRISH EXHIBITION IN LONDON.

Lord Arthur Hill, M.P., informs us that in addition to the remarkable list of persons who have given their active support to this peaceful effort to benefit the sister kingdom, are the following:—The Earl of Leitrim, who has joined the Executive Council, the Earl of Aberdeen, the Lord Mayor of Dublin, the Earl of Dufferin, the Lord Chancellor of Ireland, and Sir Algernon Borthwick, Bart., M.P.

Many of the Corporations in Ireland, including Dublin, Belfast, and Waterford, have officially taken up the subject, and have strongly urged upon the trading community in their respective districts their conviction that Irish industries are likely to be substantially benefited by a comprehensive display in London of what Ireland's markets and manufactories can produce.

A most significant fact also occurred at the Mansion House in Dublin, at a meeting over which the Lord Mayor, Mr. Sexton, M.P., presided. Mr. Sexton said "he believed the exhibition would be a great success, and would promote what he was happy to call the daily improvement in the relations of the Irish people and their neighbours beyond the sea," and he proposed the formation of a committee to further the objects of the exhibition. Several prominent men have offered considerable contributions towards the scheme in the belief that no better means could be devised for advancing the best interests of Ireland.

The date fixed for the opening at Olympia, Kensington, is June 4, and the exhibition, which covers twelve acres of ground, will remain open till Oct. 27.

An Albert Medal Hero.—Her Majesty the Queen has conferred the Albert Medal of the Second Class upon Mr. James Spring, a private in the 1st Volunteer Battalion, the East Yorkshire Regiment, in recognition of the conspicuous gallantry displayed by him in saving the life of James Sharp, in St. Andrew's Dock, at Hull, on Dec. 10, 1887.

Railway Servants.—Signalmen, Engine-Drivers, Porters, and others, who have frequently long intervals of work between meals, should drink Cadbury's Cocoa, a sustaining beverage, agreeable and comforting, during long spells of work. Beware of imitations.—[Advt.]

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M. FLOQUET'S MAJORITY.

Above our Illustration of the Boulanger incident we give a Sketch of the new Republican Prime Minister of France, M. Floquet, formerly President of the Chamber of Deputies. The afternoon General Boulanger took his seat. M. Floquet scored a great success. This staunch Republican took the bull by the horns with the Moderates when he said, "The situation, without being so full of danger, as many say, is critical, and makes it necessary for me to demand clear and frank explanations. The Government must know whether it has the confidence of the Chamber." M. Floquet was enthusiastically cheered by all the Radicals save the Boulangist ones. A vote of confidence was passed by 379 against 177 votes. *Vive la République!*

M. Floquet on Monday achieved another Parliamentary victory. The Republican part of the House, less than a dozen or so, who form General Boulanger's political staff, was solid around the Cabinet, which was called upon to defend M. De Freycinet against an attack of the Royalists. Count De Martimprey was charged to lead the attack on him in making an interpellation in the Chamber as to the reason why the War portfolio was given to a civilian. But an order of the day by M. Hubbard, expressing confidence in the Chamber and in the energy and patriotism of M. De Freycinet as War Minister in upholding discipline in the Army, was voted by 377 against 175

H.M.S. VICTORIA AT NEWCASTLE.

Many of our readers in Newcastle-on-Tyne have doubtless enriched their albums with the photographic view of H.M.S. Victoria taken by Messrs. P. M. Laws and Son, and now reproduced in our Engraving. The photograph makes an interesting souvenir of the Queen's latest War-ship. The Victoria, built at Elswick, on the Tyne, by Sir W. G. Armstrong, Mitchell, and Co., for her Majesty's Government, went down the river on April 6, passing under the High-Level Bridge and through the Swing Bridge, to lie at Newcastle Quay for a day or two, after which she proceeded to Chatham Dockyard. She was towed by four powerful tugs, two in front of her and one at each side. Being the largest vessel ever launched on the Tyne, she was an object of great interest to the townfolk, and her progress was watched by tens of thousands of spectators on the river banks, wharves, and quays, and on the bridges. Several of the Tyne Commissioners and of the Corporation of Newcastle were on the fully observing the passage of that point by the huge ship, which drew 24 ft. of water forward and 25 ft. aft; but the river had been dredged for the occasion, and the depth was sufficient. There was a momentary anxiety about the width of the space between the wooden pier here and the stone pier of the High Level Bridge, alongside of which a raft had been moored, while another raft was attached to the other side of the ship, to prevent her crushing directly against either one or the other. The ship actually came so close to the wooden pier that the intervening timbers were ground and splintered, and the chains of the raft were snapped by the enormous force of her momentum; but no real damage was done. As she got past the bridges a hearty cheer was raised by the people on them and on the shore, to which the ship responded with a mighty screech of her fog-horn.

SIKKIM EXPEDITION.

The latest telegraphic news from Sikkim states that Colonel Graham and the headquarters' staff, with two guns, seventy of the Derbyshire Regiment, and fifty Pioneers, advanced on the 15th to the Nimla Ridge and reached the twofold object of feeling for the enemy and reviving the road from Gnatong to Kapap. The ridge is nearly 14,000 ft. high. After the road was repaired the force retired. None of the enemy were seen. The expedition was much hampered by severe snowstorms. Rumours are daily received of intended night attacks. The Tibetans are reported to be gathering in force near the Jalap Pass.

Liverpool's Emigration Roll.—During last week over 14,000 emigrants sailed from the Mersey for the United States and Canada. Of that number, about 2000 left the landing-stage last Saturday.

Murder of a British Company's Secretary.—The manager of the British North African Company at Ceiba Juby has been murdered by natives. Several of the staff also have been wounded. The gun-boat Falcon left Gibraltar on Sunday.

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GLASGOW AND ITS EXHIBITION.

"ALL the World and his Wife" will soon be trooping to Glasgow to view the grand International Exhibition the enterprising citizens of Scotland's industrial capital are energetically organising. But far and away the

GRANDEST EXHIBITION GLASGOW COULD SHOW

is the wide-spreading city which has sprung up on the banks of the Clyde. The two Clyde views we print in juxtaposition indicate how gigantic has been the growth of Glasgow.

Interesting historical reflections are suggested by the remembrance of what Glasgow was originally, in the sixth century of the Christian era, and the slow process of her early growth, till within a comparatively modern period. The *Glaathe*, or "Dark Ravine," through which a moorland torrent, since called the Molendinar, ran down to join the Clyde, was the chosen site of a missionary station founded by St. Mungo, otherwise named Kentigern, who came to give the Celtic heathen a saving knowledge of Christ. Here, in a grove of pine-trees, high upon the steep bank of the brawling stream, a mile above its confluence with the great river, was built the noble Cathedral of Glasgow, in the twelfth century, in the reign of that sainted King David, who likewise founded the Abbeys of Holyrood, Melrose, Dryburgh, Jedburgh, and Kelso. A town in due time sprang up along the road between the church and the riverside. At the bottom of its High-street, which breasted the steep hill at "the Bell of the Brae," was the old town cross, with the Trongate on one hand, the Gallowgate on the other, and the Saltmarket descending to the old wooden bridge over the Clyde.

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The harbour of Glasgow is a recent creation, and is a meritorious example of public spirit and of engineering skill. There was formerly an entrance for small vessels: and the trade in Virginia tobacco had enriched many of Bailie Nicholl Jarvie's fellow-townsmen. This trade was stopped, in 1775, by the American war, upon which the Glasgow folk turned their attention to manufacturing business. The mineral wealth of Lanarkshire and other parts of Western Scotland, the abundance of coal and iron, and clay for pottery, as well as the facilities of working in the cotton, worsted, silk and linen fabrics, had again made Glasgow a place of increasing commerce. It was resolved, some seventy years ago, to deepen and widen the lower channel of the Clyde, so that shipping of large tonnage, instead of being stopped at Greenock or Port Glasgow, should come up to the city. This has been done with complete success, and what a change it has effected may be seen from the contrasted views shown in two of our Engravings. The first is a view of the harbour of Glasgow, with the "auld Broomielaw brig," as it was in the year 1802. We have to make our acknowledgements to Messrs. Allan and Ferguson, the well-known lithographers of Glasgow, for having copied this subject from the work published by them many years ago, called "Views and Notices of Glasgow in Former Times." The "Auld Broomielaw Bridge" was then considered a very handsome bridge, while "the bottle-house lum," or conical chimney of the glass-works, was, at that early period, a marked feature of the locality. But only half a dozen small cobbles and "gamberts," as barges with one mast were called, at that date represented the shipping of this port.

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Our Illustration of Glasgow Harbour as it is at the present day presents a striking contrast, and tells of the vast changes which have taken place almost the same point of view as the earlier one of 1802. The "Auld Brig" has gone, and a new bridge has been erected in its place. The river has been made more than double its original width, while it has been deepened so that the largest class of steam-ships can come up to the harbour. It should be observed that our Illustration does not show the complete extent of the change; for, in selecting the point of view so as to give the identical spot with the picture of 1802, it was impossible to show the whole extension of the harbour which has taken place. The quay on each side of the river now extends down to Govan. It has a mass of shipping all the way, as close as what is shown in the picture; and there are docks also full of vessels. The quay walls at Glasgow extend more than a mile along each side of the river, forming a compact basin, with a depth of water, at high tide, from 18 ft. to 21 ft. The greatest depth before the improvements used to be 5 ft., under artificial and favourable conditions. At low tide, the depth was only 1 ft. 3 in. at the ford; two miles below the city it was usually 3 ft. 8 in. at high tide. At the Broomielaw and other walled quays, there is an incessant bustle of arriving and departing steam-ships for America and the Indies, the Mediterranean, or the ports of England, Ireland, and Scotland, leaving this harbour more than ten thousand times in the year, where in the old time an idle man could stand with his rod and line, angling for dace or gudgeon through a long summer day.

GLASGOW'S INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION

was inspected on Saturday last by a large number of journalists from London and every considerable town in the United Kingdom; and the Pressmen appear to have been most hospitably received by the Exhibition authorities. The extensive and interesting Exhibition will assuredly induce many thousands to spend their holidays in Scotland this year. Glasgow has the advantage of possessing a spot of exquisite beauty beside the classic river Kelvin, the richly-wooded grounds of Kelvin Grove Park affording a very charming approach. Sixty-six acres of the park have been borrowed for the exhibition, a plateau on the south side being occupied by the main building, above which rise quaint domes and spires of Moorish design, ornamented with gilt and many colours. The plan of the building is very simple. An avenue of over 1000 ft. in length runs right and left, with which thirty-seven courts communicate. Seven are occupied by pictures, two by sculpture; and there is a machinery annexe extending over a quarter of a mile. The mechanical section is a strong feature. Huge whiskey stills are varied with printing machines, ponderous fly-wheels, and marvellous specimens of iron work arranged in trophies. Messrs. Macfarlane and Co. have a trophy, including a handsome drinking-fountain, several lamp-posts, and a coat-of-arms comprising a strange bouquet of ironwork. Bailie Shearer conducted the regiment of journalists through the women's industrial section, explaining that several Viennese lace-makers were to be clad in their native costume to grace the stalls, Scotch lasses were to illustrate glove-making trophies, and representations of Irish industries had yet to be unpacked. A specimen furniture stall was inspected in the central avenue, and acquaintance made with three real Indian gentlemen who had brought many exhibits from the late "Colinderies" for a special court. A notable feature also was a lofty structure of Doulton ware panelled and decorated in a most artistic manner. A bas relief exhibited here by the firm, of Christ's entry into Jerusalem is valued at £500. Ship-building models are very numerous. In the grounds are shown a reproduction of the historic Bishop's palace, a relic of the patron saint of Glasgow—St. Mungo, a rival on a limited scale of our own "Old London." Here are to be shown various historical relics appertaining to Robert Bruce, the ill-fated Mary, Queen of Scots, and the famous John Knox. In another building in the grounds was presented a rare sight to Scotchmen, but familiar to London folk, in the Queen's Jubilee gifts, which the Lord Provost, Sir James King, was careful to explain was the last time they would be on public exhibition. The guarantee to her Majesty was stated at £100,000. In the working dairy, standing outside the main building, T. J. Lipton had placed on exhibition a monster cheese, which he calls Jumbo, and which was ordered from Canada specially for the exhibition. Tea-rooms and kiosks were seen in various stages of completion, and the finishing touches were being put to a switchback railway. The gondoliers ordered from Venice had not arrived, but they are under engagement to appear in the national dress and disport themselves on the Kelvin by May 8, when the Prince and Princess of Wales will formally open Glasgow's great Exhibition, which will, we trust, prove as completely successful as Manchester's vast show.

HER MAJESTY'S SHIP WARSPITE, the new first-class armour-plated cruiser, has been passed into the Medway Steam Reserve as fully equipped and ready for service.

BAPTISTS' UNION.—At the City Temple, on Monday, the annual Assembly of pastors and delegates of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland was opened. The Rev. Dr. John Clifford was installed as President of the Union. On the motion for the adoption of the report of the Council the "down grade" controversy was raised. A solution of the divisions in the Union having been effected, the Rev. J. A. Spurgeon seconded the motion for the adoption of the report and withdrew his amendment. The announcement was received with applause, and several speakers congratulated those present on the settlement of the controversy.

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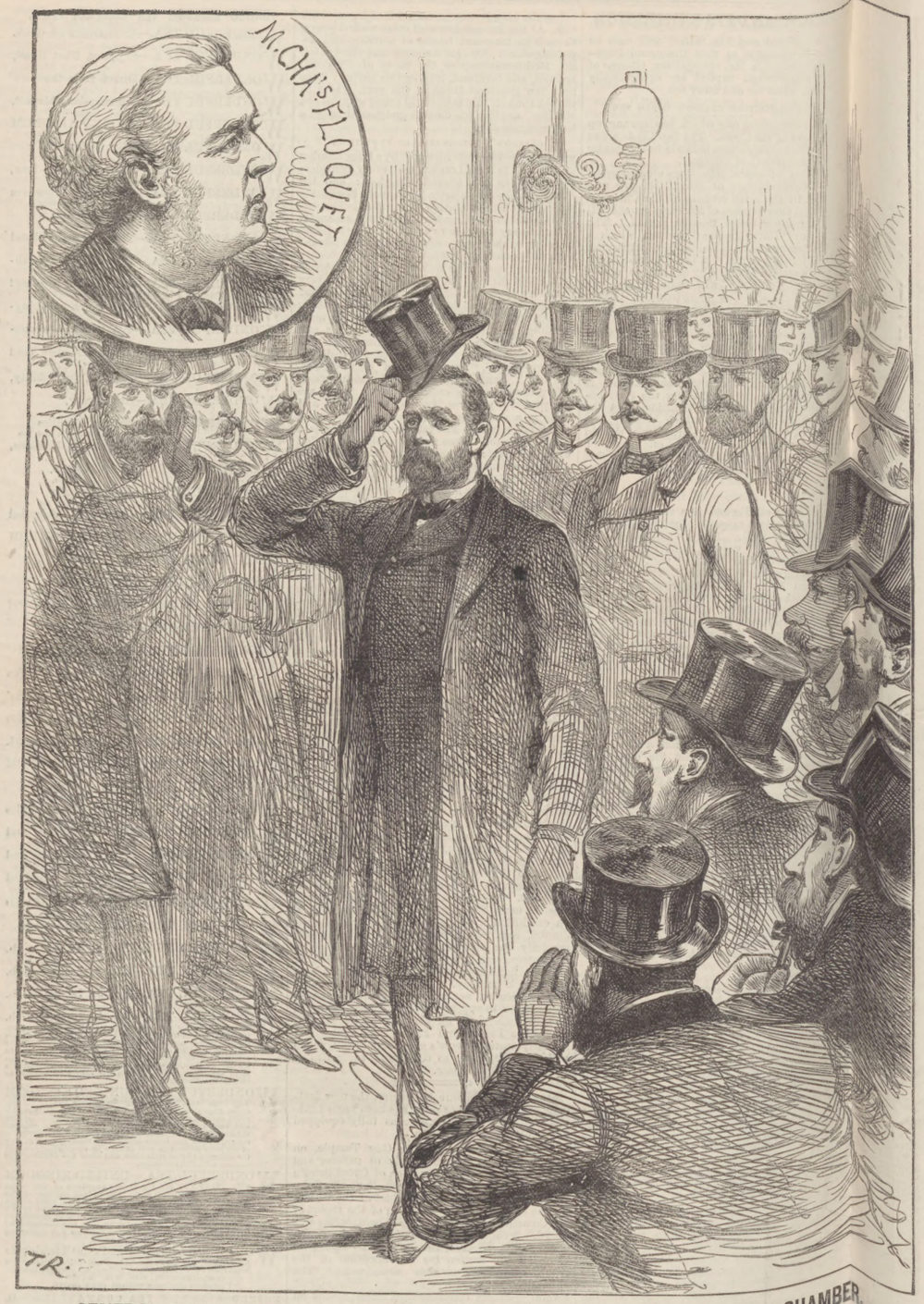

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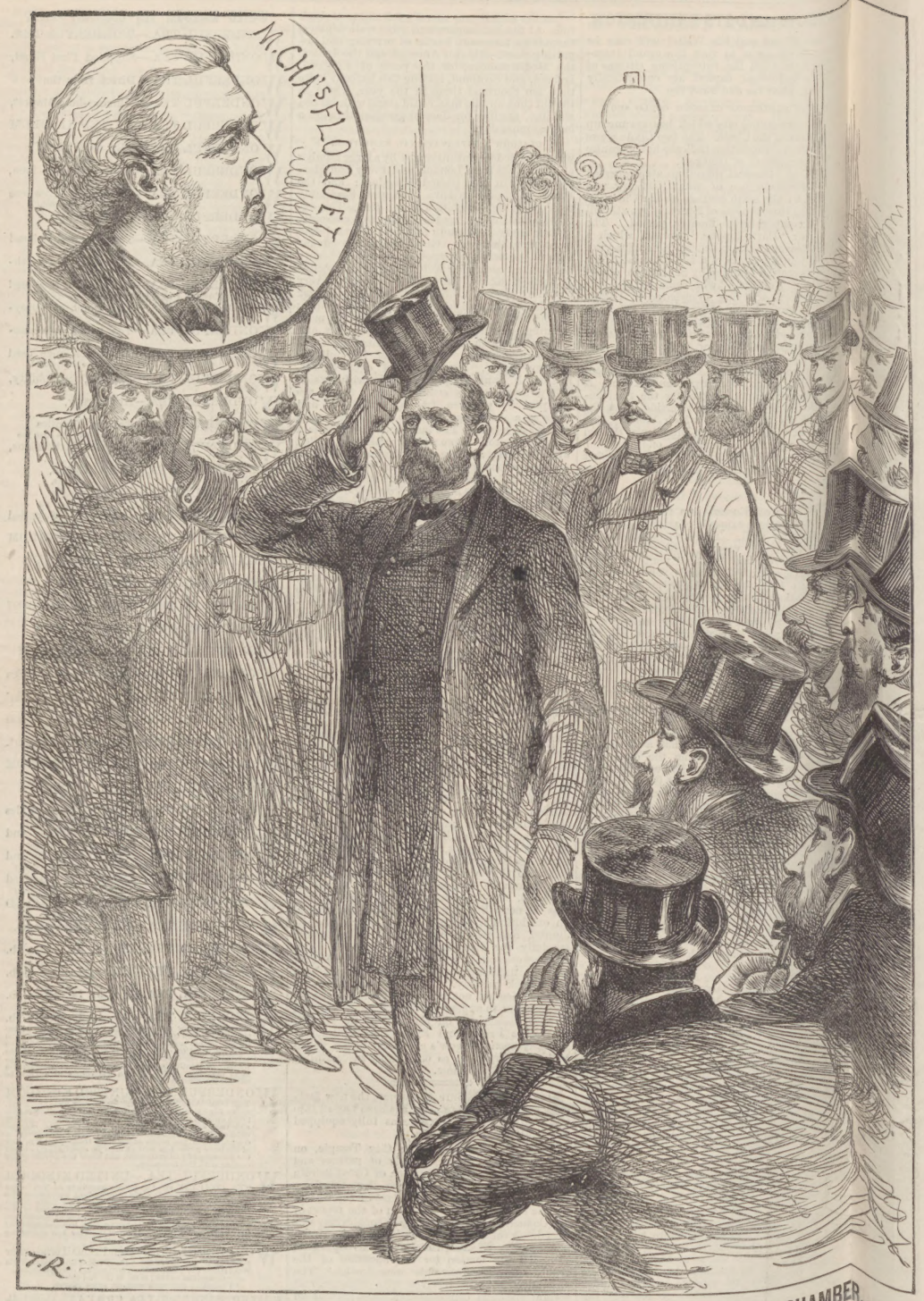

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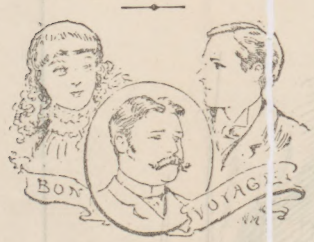

Mr. George Edwardes and the Gaiety company have the best wishes of the playgoing public for a pleasant and triumphant voyage round the world. Mr. Edwardes has proved himself an exceptionally liberal Manager at the Gaiety, and has consequently knit closely to him the bright particular stars of the Gaiety and the able pair of dramatic authors who have been fortunate enough to hit the taste of the town with the superbly costumed and skilfully stage-managed burlesque dramas of "Monte Christo, Junior," and "Frankenstein." I refer to Mr. Richard Butler and Mr. Henry Chance Newton, whose stage-name is now popular as "Richard Henry." In securing the active co-operation of so tasteful a stage-director as Mr. Charles Harris, and of so experienced and skilful a Musical Conductor as Mr. Meyer Lutz, Mr. George Edwardes was also exceedingly lucky. The benefits of Miss Farren and Mr. Fred. Leslie (sketched above with their handsome and honoured chief), and the matinées of Florence St. John and Mr. F. J. Potter, the trusty Business Manager, having taken place, the farewell performance of "Frankenstein" at the Gaiety is announced for the current Friday night. Mr. Edwardes and the Gaiety Company thereafter start for their long Australian and American tour. Acknowledged King and Queen of Burlesque in London, Miss Farren and Mr. Fred. Leslie are sure of an enthusiastic welcome both in the Colonies and in the States. I cordially wish one and all, "*Bon voyage!*"

Mr. Wilson Barrett revives the powerful Jones and Herman drama of "The Silver King," on the Friday evening of the present week, and the St. James's management do well to revive the strong play of "The Ironmaster," with Mr. and Mrs. Kendal in the principal parts, this (Saturday) evening.

The Alhambra Directorate has done wisely to expend several thousand pounds in the redecoration of that magnificent Terpsichorean Temple, which now glows with the rainbow hues of the original Alhambra, brilliantly illuminated with the Electric Light. The Alhambra is now a feast of colour. It has also the signal advantage of being the very safest theatre in London. As for the entertainment, that maintains its excellence unimpaired. It is a great treat alone to listen to the sweet music discoursed by Mr. Jacobi's splendid orchestra. The wonderfully neat-handed Signor Cinquevalli remains supreme as Emperor of jugglers. Delightfully witching Mdlle. Vanoni, so full of *chic* and Parisian gaiety and sparkle, is the greatest favourite of all, being rapturously encored nightly for her captivating singing of the popular Boulanger ditty, "En Revenant de la Revue." Signor Casati, not resting on his laurels, is devising a beautiful new Greek ballet of spectacle to succeed the dazzlingly charming choregraphic triumph of "Enchantment," Mr. Jacobi's seductive music to which is published by Mabillon and Co., Oxford-street.

Rear-Admiral Sir F. Richards left Bombay by mail on April 20 for England, having handed over the command of the East India station to his successor, Rear-Admiral the Hon. R. Fremantle.

Food Exhibition.—An attractive exhibition, known as the Universal Food and Cookery Exhibition, was opened on Monday by the Duke of Cambridge, at the Duke of Wellington's Riding School, Knightsbridge. The proceeds of the exhibition are to be devoted to the Charing-cross and French Hospitals. The exhibits include specimens of eatables of all kinds. There are dishes of frogs most artistically arranged, rabbits' tongues, excellent galantines of chicken, pheasant, quail, grouse, which have been in tins for three years.

Law and Police Record.

The Lord Lieutenant has commuted the sentence of death passed on William Lawlor for the murder of his wife in Dublin about two months ago.

At Clonmel, last Saturday, the appeal against the sentence of six weeks' imprisonment passed on Mr. Pyne, M.P., was withdrawn and the sentence confirmed.

A School Board teacher, named David Williams, residing at Dudley, poisoned himself on Sunday. A letter was found upon him stating that he had committed suicide in consequence of his examination being too hard.

In the Queen's Bench Division, on Saturday last, Baron Pollock ordered the release of Mr. T. B. Gould, who had been in prison for five months and six days for contempt of court, the order not to be drawn up till the costs of the attachment had been paid.

Mr. A. Braxton Hicks concluded on Saturday last an inquest, at Battersea, on the death of C. H. Longman, a child two months and a half old, found tied up in a sack on the foreshore of the Thames. A verdict of wilful murder against the father was returned.

At a Crimes Act Court at Listowell, county Kerry, last Saturday, sentences of six months' imprisonment each, with hard labour, were passed on Thomas Dooling and Murty Gallivan, farmers, for intimidating Nora Fitzmaurice, whose father was recently murdered near Lixnaw.

Messrs. Lewis and Lewis state that there is no truth whatever in the statement that it had been arranged that Lord Herschell, Mr. Chaplin, and Mr. James Lowther are to act as arbitrators to decide the questions in issue in the Chetwynd-Durham case. No such arrangement has been made, neither has the question ever been discussed between the parties.

The consolidated suits of Boyce v. Boyce and Boyce v. Boyce have yielded amusement before Mr. Justice Butt in the Divorce Division. The parties had become acquainted through a matrimonial agency, and the husband, who is now an omnibus driver, sought a decree of restitution of conjugal rights, while the wife, who is possessed of property in her own right, petitioned for a divorce. On Monday Mr. Justice Butt gave judgment for the husband in both cases, and ordered Mrs. Boyce to pay the costs.

The dead body of the Rev. David Alexander, aged forty-four, of 25, Fenwick-road, Peckham-rye, was found, at a quarter to six last Saturday morning, in a field at the back of Asker's Haberdashers' Schools, Pepys-road, New-cross. A revolver was close to the body, and death had evidently resulted from a bullet wound. A number of letters were found on the body addressed to the Rev. Sabine Read, High-street, Deptford, pastor of the Congregational church.

The Hoxton burglar, Wright, who is undergoing a sentence of penal servitude for life, attempted to murder Chief-warder George, at the Chatham convict prison, on April 20. While his leg irons were being examined Wright seized the officer's sword, and made a desperate slash at his head. The blow, however, only struck his chest, and the officer was knocked backwards. Wright was ordered to receive thirty lashes.

William Clifford, who on the 7th inst. went to the Harrow Green Police-Station and gave himself into custody on a charge of having in April, 1872, murdered a woman named Mary Taylor on a pit-bank at Deepfields, was on Saturday once more brought before the Magistrates at Stratford, Essex. He subsequently withdrew the confession, stating that he was drunk at the time he made it, and did not know what he was doing. Inquiries by the police show that there was no foundation for the self-accusation, and on Saturday the prisoner was discharged.

Sarah Helen Proctor, of Windmill End, Dudley, was again brought before the Magistrates at Brentford, Essex, last Saturday, charged with causing the death of Charlotte Whale, a fellow-lodger, at Isleworth. It will be remembered that the two young women worked and travelled together, and that in the morning the prisoner, actuated by a sudden and unaccountable frenzy, murdered her companion while she was asleep, by striking her several terrible blows on the head with a heavy toilet jug. A certificate was on Saturday handed to the Magistrates from the surgeon at Holloway Prison, certifying that the accused was of impaired intellect, though he could not say that she was actually insane. The Magistrates granted a further remand for a week.

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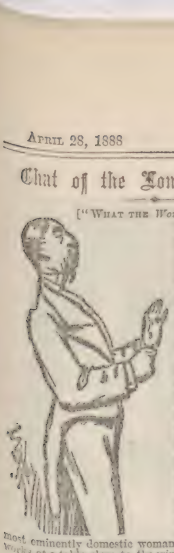
AN EX-CONSUL'S STORY.

(*From "The Brooklyn Eagle."*)

A late United States Consul at one of the English ports, who is now a private resident of New York, relates the following interesting story:—"On my last voyage home from England, some three years ago, in one of the Cunard steamers, I noticed one morning, after a few days out of port, a young man hobbling about on the upper deck, supported by crutches, and seeming to move with extreme difficulty and no little pain. He was well dressed and of exceedingly handsome countenance, but his limbs were somewhat emaciated and his face very sallow and bore the traces of long suffering. As he seemed to have no attendant or companion, he at once attracted my sympathies, and I went up to him as he leaned against the taffrail looking out on the foaming track which the steamer was making. 'Excuse me, my young friend,' I said, touching him gently on the shoulder, 'you appear to be an invalid, and hardly able or strong enough to trust yourself unattended on an ocean voyage: but if you require any assistance I am a robust and healthy man, and shall be glad to help you.' 'You are very kind,' he replied, in a weak voice; 'but I require no present aid beyond my crutches, which enable me to pass from my state-room up here to get the benefit of the sunshine and the sea-breeze.' 'You have been a great sufferer, no doubt,' I said, 'and I judge that you have been afflicted with that troublesome disease, rheumatism, whose prevalence and intensity seem to be on an alarming increase both in England and America.' 'You are right,' he answered; 'I have been its victim for more than a year, and after failing to find relief from medical skill, have lately tried the springs of Carlsbad and Vichy; but they have done me no good, and I am now on my return home to Missouri to die, I suppose. I shall be content if life is spared me to reach my mother's presence. She is a widow, and I am her only child.' There was a pathos in this speech which affected me profoundly, and awakened in me a deeper sympathy than I had felt before. I had no words to answer him, and stood silently beside him watching the snowy wake of the ship. While thus standing, my thoughts reverted to a child—a ten-year old boy—of a neighbour of mine, residing near my consulate residence, who had been cured of a stubborn case of rheumatism by the use of St. Jacobs Oil, and I remembered that the steward of the ship had told me the day before that he had cured himself of a very severe attack of the gout, in New York, just before his last voyage, by the use of the same remedy. I at once left my young friend and went below to find the steward. I not only found him off duty, but discovered that he had a bottle of the Oil in his locker, which he had carried across the ocean in case of another attack. He readily parted with it on my representation, and, hurrying up again, I soon persuaded the young man to allow me to take him to his berth and apply the remedy. After doing so, I covered him up snugly in bed, and requested him not to get up until I should see him again. That evening I returned to his state-room, and found him sleeping peacefully and breathing gently. I roused him, and inquired how he felt. 'Like a new man,' he answered, with a grateful smile. 'I feel no pain, and am able to stretch my limbs without difficulty. I think I'll get up.' 'No, don't get up to-night,' I said; 'but let me rub you again with the Oil, and in the morning you will be much better able to go above.' 'All right,' he said, laughing. I then applied the Oil again, rubbing his knees, ankles, and arms thoroughly, until he said he felt as if he had a mustard poultice all over his body. I then left him. The next morning when I went up on deck for a breezy promenade, according to my custom, I found my patient waiting for me with a smiling face, *and without his crutches*, although he limped in his movements, but without pain. I don't think I ever felt so happy in my life. To make a long story short, I attended him closely during the rest of our voyage—some four days—applying the Oil every night, and guarding him against too much exposure to the fresh and damp spring breezes; and on landing at New York he was able without assistance, to mount the hotel omnibus and go to the Astor House. I called on him two days later, and found him actually engaged in packing his trunk, preparatory to starting West, for his home, that evening. With a bright and grateful smile he welcomed me, and, pointing to a little box carefully done up in thick brown paper, which stood upon the table, he said: 'My good friend, can you guess what that is?' 'A present for your sweetheart,' I answered. 'No,' he laughed; 'that is a dozen bottles of St. Jacobs Oil, which I have just purchased from Hudnut, the druggist, across the way, and I am taking them home to show my good mother what has saved her son's life and restored him to her in health. And with it I would like to carry you along also, to show her the face of him without whom I should probably never have tried it. If you should ever visit the little village of Sedalia, in Missouri, Charlie Townsend and his mother will welcome you to their little home with hearts full of gratitude, and they will show you a bottle of St. Jacobs Oil enshrined in a silver and golden casket, which we shall keep as a parlour ornament as well as a memento of our meeting on the Cunard steamer.' We parted, after an hour's pleasant chat, with mutual goodwill and esteem; and a few weeks afterwards I received a letter from him telling me he was in perfect health, and containing many grateful expressions of his affectionate regards."

Chat of the London Gossips.

["WHAT THE *World* SAYS."]



MR. THOMAS SUTHERLAND, M.P., of Bute House, Cromwell-road, is the *World's* "Celebrity at Home" this week; and right vigorously and sympathetically is the energetic Chairman of the Peninsular and Oriental Company portrayed by Mr. Edmund Yates or his representative:—

"In the pleasures of home, which he so keenly enjoys, he usually contrives to forget his avocations both in Leadenhall-street and at Westminster. His public and private correspondence is rigorously relegated to the City; and so it comes to pass that the grey-blue Indian carpet before his desk is the favourite playground of his three children; while his wife, of whom he always speaks enthusiastically as 'the most eminently domestic woman in the world,' writes or works at a table close to the window, and his seven-year-old daughter Nellie practises diligently at a cottage piano in a far-off corner."

The Prince Consort always cherished a fond remembrance of his sojourn in Florence and its environs; and I believe that it was in consequence of his eulogies of the city and its surroundings that the Queen originally conceived the idea of visiting Tuscany, a project which her Majesty had entertained for more than twenty years.

The Princess passed much of her time at Sandringham at "The Folly," a charming little bijou cottage in the woods, some distance from the Hall, which has been specially built for her use, and where she delights to be alone with her children in the afternoon.

Lord Hamilton's party at Dalzell House, Lanarkshire, to meet the Prince and Princess of Wales when they go there on May 7, for the opening of the Glasgow Exhibition, will include the Duke and Duchess of Buccleuch, the Duke and Duchess of Abercorn, Lord and Lady Lothian, Lord and Lady Stair, Lord and Lady Rosebery, Lord Colville, Lord and Lady Heyesbell, Sir Archibald and Lady Campbell of Blythswood, Sir Lyon Playfair, and Sir John Stirling-Maxwell.

The Empress Eugénie will go to stay at Osborne Cottage, which her Majesty has again placed at her disposal this summer, on the Queen's return to the Isle of Wight.

The Duke of Devonshire, who, according to recent accounts, is in excellent health, joins the ranks of the octogenarians on Friday, having been born on April 27, 1808.

The Italian Exhibition is to be opened on Saturday, May 12.

Some progress has been made with the preliminary negotiations for the German Exhibition in London during the summer of next year.

All the world seemed to be at Lady Rothschild's reception on Saturday evening. The hostess did the honours very graciously in red velvet and diamonds; the appearance of the white-marble staircase, bathed in electric light, almost defies description; the Blue Hungarian Band played the delicious music during the whole evening; the Duchess of Bedford, Lady Head, Lady Delaware, Lady Colville, and Lady Cotterell brought their daughters; and "Mr. Alfred" promised to invite everybody to his next Bohemian entertainment at the Hôtel Métropole.

Mr. Irving and M. Coquelin met for the first time at a pleasant supper-party given last week by M. Mayer, the Director of the French plays. Among the guests were Sir Algernon Borthwick, Mr. E. F. S. Pigott, Mr. Joseph Knight, Mr. J. L. Toole, and Mr. Bancroft.

["*Truth* TO TELL."]

The charger on which the Prince of Wales has been in the habit of attending reviews has died.

Sandringham will now be deserted by its owners till the middle of October. The Prince of Wales's hunters will be quartered during the next six months in the Cumberland Lodge stables.

The Comte de Paris has arrived at Sheen House from Villamarseque, his estate in Andalusia.

The Duke of Edinburgh has received a valuable and acceptable present from his uncle, the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, in the shape of the Schloss of Rosenau.

The Duchess of Edinburgh and her children are to reside at Rosenau next summer.

Lady Southampton goes to Windsor Castle as Lady-in-Waiting to the Queen on the day of her Majesty's return from the Continent, in succession to Lady Churchill.

Lady Waterpark is to relieve Lady Southampton on Tuesday, May 8.

There is a strong feeling in hunting circles that Goodall has been treated very badly in being retired from the office of Huntsman of the Royal Buckhounds when he is perfectly able to fulfil the duties which he has so efficiently performed for sixteen years.

Two balls will be given this season at Woolwich by the Royal Artillery—the first on Friday, May 4, and the second on Friday, June 29.

One of the most interesting and important features of the Irish Exhibition, which is to be opened at Olympia in June, will be a farm-yard, with its buildings, and a working dairy of one hundred cows, where butter-making and cheese-making will be carried on daily. There is also to be a choice show of Irish horses of various kinds.

The Prince of Wales has purchased the well-known Hackney mare Butterfly from Mr. Peacock, for his stud at Sandringham. She was exhibited at the recent Hackney Show, and H.R.H. bought her by the advice of Sir Dighton Probyn.

A Parsee eleven are coming to England this season, and their first match will be played at Leyton on June 8, against the Essex gentlemen.

The House of Commons is to adjourn for the Whitsuntide recess on Thursday, May 17, and the holiday will continue till Thursday, the 31st, so that the usual Derby Day discussion will be averted this year, as that festival falls on May 30.

Mashable Miss "Madge" writes:—"Louise has some sweet bonnets, very vernal in character. In fact, her windows suggest sunny hedgerows, bright with flowers, and meadows full of cowslips, with here and there a stream edged with big blue forget-me-nots and reedy grasses. One tiny, sweet bonnet is all gold tinsel embroidery over gold net.

"All the underwear just now is silk, my dear, and you can have it as little or as elaborately trimmed as you like."

Sport.

RACING,

on showery Monday, began at Plumpton and Warwick. Derby followed suit. Thirsk and Alexandra Park wind up the week on Friday and Saturday. Won't the Camden-road be lively with hansoms and bookmakers' traps!

THE TWO THOUSAND GUINEAS: PROBABLE STARTERS.

		Jockey
Sir F. Johnstone's ch c Friar's Balsam	...	T. Cannon
Duke of Portland's b c Ayrshire	...	J. Osborne
Mr. Vyner's ch c Chowberry	...	F. Webb
Mr. Houldsworth's br c Arrandale	...	Warne
or		
Mr. Douglas Baird's br c Marmiton	...	
Mr. R. H. Combe's br c Simon Pure	...	Bickaby
Lord Londonderry's ch c Hazlehatch	...	F. Barrett
Mr. Abington's b c Duke of Marlborough	...	Watts
Duke of Westminster's ch c Orbit	...	—
Duke of Westminster's ch c Ossery	...	—

COMING EVENTS

cast their shadows before them in this way at the chief London Turf club last Monday. Friar's Balsam was not so firm for either the Guineas or the Derby. For the first-named race as little as 65 to 40 was accepted that the crack would not win, and the same odds were forthcoming against him for the Derby. Ayrshire, meanwhile, was firm for both races, 9 to 2 in each case proving the best offer. For the Kempton Park Jubilee Handicap a lot of money came into the market for Minting, 6 to 1 being taken to (quite 2500); while 1000 to 150 was betted against Thunderstorm. Prices:—

TWO THOUSAND GUINEAS. (*Run May* 2.)

65 to 40 on Friar's Balsam (t)	100 to 12 agst Orbit (o)
9 to 2 agst Ayrshire (o; 5 to 1 w)	

KEMPTON PARK JUBILEE STAKES. (*Run May* 12.)

6 to 1 agst Minting (t)	20 to 1 agst Maxim (t)
100 to 15 — Thunderstorm (t & o)	25 to 1 — Ashplant (t & o)
	25 to 1 — Kingfisher (t & o)
100 to 14 — Tyrone (t & o)	50 to 1 — Cobbler (t & o)
100 to 8 — Gallinule (t & o)	33 to 1 — Jessicles (t)
100 to 8 — Sultry (t & o)	50 to 1 — The Baron (t)
20 to 1 — Phil (t)	

DERBY. (*Run May* 33.)

65 to 40 agst Friar's Balsam (t & w)	100 to 11 agst Orbit (t & w)
9 to 2 — Ayrshire (o; 5 to 1 w)	10 to 1 — Ossery (t)
6 to 2 — Ayrshire (o; 5 to 1 w)	33 to 1 — Galore (t)

MR. G. VERRALL

acted as judge and clerk of the scales at Warwick Meeting, on Monday and Tuesday, owing to the absence of Mr. J. F. Clark, occupied by his hymeneal engagements with happy Miss Robinson.

THE DUKE OF WESTMINSTER

arrived at John Porter's stables at Kingsclere shortly after eleven o'clock on Saturday morning, and witnessed the gallops of the Park House team.

SWIMMING.

The Salt-Water Amateur Championship is to be swum for on the August Bank Holiday—not at Portsmouth, this time, but in the open-air bathing-place of the River Orwell at Ipswich.

The general meeting of the Amateur Swimming Association closed, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, last Saturday.

What promises to be a substantial benefit for the veteran Professor Fred Beckwith, ex-champion swimmer of England, is being organised at the Westminster Aquarium, in connection with which the capital swimming entertainment is held every afternoon and night, by the Professor. The great complimentary benefit to the most experienced swimmer in Great Britain is fixed for Monday, May 14. Mr. Leopold De Rothschild and Mr. Alfred De Rothschild are among the prize-givers for the swimming-races, the entries for which are to be made to Professor Beckwith at the Westminster Aquarium, not later than Tuesday, May 8.

GEORGE BUBEAR AND CHARLES CARR

are to scull on the Tyne for £100 a side on Saturday, May 26.

WINCH'S SCULLING HANDICAP.

The sculling handicap on the Thames promoted by the host of the White Hart Hotel, Barnes, was commenced last Saturday. Only thirteen of the seventeen preliminary heats were got through, the remaining four being left over until next Saturday (May 5). Mr. H. Woodstock officiated as starter, and Mr. H. Sparrow was judge. Mr. T. Green, the well-known Barnes builder, supplied nearly the whole of the boats.

THE CANADIAN LACROSSE TEAM

played their last match in the vicinity of London last Saturday, when they were opposed in the recreation-ground at Richmond by a team drawn from the principal metropolitan clubs. A large number of spectators, including the Duke and Duchess of Teck, were present. The Londoners were defeated by nine goals to two.

WIMBLEDON GOLF CLUBS.

The spring competitions took place on Wimbledon-common on Thursday and Saturday, last week. The club gold medal (scratch) was won by Mr. J. E. Hutchison by 85 strokes. The under handicap, the Royal Bombay challenge cup, was won by Mr. A. H. Boyd (scratch), his score being 92—less 5—81. The Bonnard gold challenge medal was won by Mr. W. L. Purves (scratch), 84. The Redpath challenge punch-bowl was tied for by Mr. Purves and Mr. Ross. In the aggregate prizes, the Caird cup was won by Mr. R. H. Caird (the donor of the cup), and the silver tankard for the best aggregate (scratch) for the two days' play was won by Mr. J. E. Hutchison.

J. L. SULLIVAN,

the American prize-fighter, arrived in Boston, U.S., last Monday morning; and the *Sporting Life* has it that "Mr. Sullivan has procured a warrant of arrest against him for desertion."

THE LONDON GYMNASTS

scored best at the National Physical Recreation Society's Dundee meeting, last Saturday, and carried off the shield.

THE TWENTY-MILE BICYCLE MATCH

'twixt W. A. Rowe, the American Champion, and W. Wood, of North Shields, was decided last Saturday on the ground at Jarrow. Rowe, who laid £100 to £75 on himself, was made a slight favourite, but Wood won by a foot, in 66 min. 40 1-5 sec.

AMATEUR RACQUETS CHAMPIONSHIP.

On Saturday last, the first round of the competition for the Amateur Racquets championship, which had been in progress during the week at the Queen's Club, West Kensington, was brought to a conclusion, with the match between C. D. King, R.A., and H. Ashworth (Harrow), in which the former proved successful by three games to one.

WEST-END FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday evening last, there was a rare muster of members and others connected with this amalgamation at St. James's Hall, Regent's-street, when the cup and medals won by the Grove House Football Club was duly handed over to them, and there was a good smoking concert. Mr. J. Grieves (Shoolbred's) occupied the chair, and was supported by Messrs. Terry, sen. and jun. (Debenham and Freebody's), Button (Spencer, Turner, and Boldero's), Pross, Barber, Owen, Scott (Shoolbred's), &c. The association at present is composed of ten clubs, viz., Boroughs, Albion (Crooke, Gainsford, and Co.), Cavendish (Debenham and Freebody), Clarence (Maple's), Grove House (Spencer, Turner, and Boldero), Hatherley Rovers (Owen's), Kensington Rangers, Kildare (Whiteley's), Prairie Rangers (Harvey, Nicholls, and Gorringer's), Unity (Tarn's), and Vulcan (Shoolbred's), all of which were represented.

BILLIARDS.

The 12,000 up spot-barred match, in which John Roberts, jun., conceded W. Cook 4000 points, was brought to a close at the Billiard Hall, Argyll-street, last Saturday. During the afternoon Roberts scored much the faster, and at the adjournment to the evening the totals were—Roberts, 10,886; Cook, 9130. In the evening Cook failed to put in an appearance, and so the match came to a premature conclusion in favour of Roberts, who played an exhibition game of 750 up with North, to whom he conceded 200 start, and whom he defeated by 69 points.

The match in which W. J. Peall conceded J. Dowland 1000 in 9000 spot-barred was brought to a close at the Westminster Aquarium on Saturday, the result being an easy victory for Peall by 939 points.

J. Roberts and W. Mitchell, at the Billiard Hall, Argyle-street, Oxford-street, commenced an exhibition match of 12,000 up even, last Monday, the champion undertaking himself to the all-round game, and allowing his opponent to make twenty consecutive spot hazards. In the afternoon Roberts scored rather the faster of the two, but in the evening he could do very little, and Mitchell made no fewer than 1393 points against 497. The score at close of play on Monday night stood:—Mitchell, 2000; Roberts, 1374.

A 2000 up spot-barred match, in which Cook conceded Sala 1000 start, was commenced at the Westminster Aquarium on Monday, and at the close of the day the totals were—Cook, 1421; Sala, 2333. The best breaks were 109 and 102 by Cook, and 105 by Sala.

FOOTBALL.

An unfortunate dispute has arisen in connection with the final tie for the Lancashire Challenge Cup, which should have been played at Blackburn on Saturday between Accrington and Preston North-End. The latter objected to play at Blackburn, and rather than do so they allowed Accrington to claim the match.

Whilst playing in a football competition at Mold Green, near Huddersfield, on Saturday afternoon, William Blayney, assistant-schoolmaster at Meltham Mills, and a member of the Meltham Mills Club, fell and broke his leg.

A Reuter's telegram, dated Dunedin, April 26, states that the British football team have arrived there, and have met with a cordial reception at that beautiful and thriving New Zealand port.

THE AUSTRALIAN CRICKETERS

will meet a team of past and present Oxonians at Leyton, on June 11 and following days.

HOCKEY: MOLESEY v. SOUTHGATE.

The return-match between the above teams was played on Saturday last on the Southgate ground, resulting in favour of Molesey by six goals to one.

THE SPARTAN HARRIERS

last Saturday had a very successful second spring meeting at Tufnell Park. One hundred yards handicap (open)—C. Tuck, S.A.C., 3½ yards start, first; W. Lock, Spartans, scratch, second; S. J. Mills, Belmont H., 7 yards, third. Won by a yard. Time, 10 2-5 sec. One mile handicap (open)—C. E. Twining, Spartans, first; F. Denman, Blackheath H., 72 yards, second; C. Hookins, Polytechnic H., 40 yards, third. Won by eight yards; five yards between second and third. Time, 4 min. 39 1-5 sec. Half-mile race (juniors)—L. J. Darlington, Enfield A.C., 35 yards start, first; C. Harding, Enfield A.C., 35 yards, second; G. Marshall, St. Thomas's H., 40 yards, third. Won by two yards; a yard between second and third. Time, 2 min. 9 4-5 sec. Two miles handicap (members)—A. B. George, scratch, first; A. E. Crosse, 300 yards start, second; W. J. Fry, 20 yards, third. Won by fifteen yards; thirty yards between second and third. Time, 9 min. 54 4-5 sec. Three miles second-class interclub race—Reindeer H., 16 points, first; Electric A.C., 25 points, second; Falcon H., 67 points, third.

THE PRINCE OF WALES will, on behalf of the Queen, hold Levées at St. James's Palace on Monday next, April 30, and on Friday, May 11 next.

THE *St. Stephen's Review* has a remarkably attractive Primrose Number, containing an engraved portrait of Mr. Coningsby Disraeli, who has grown a moustache, and aims to be M.P., and, among other interesting features, a large Coloured Drawing of Lord Salisbury addressing the House of Lords, reflecting credit on the artist, Mr. Tom Merry. This faithful Parliamentary lithograph makes a companion picture to Mr. Tom Merry's Coloured Illustration of Mr. Gladstone addressing the Commons, given with the last Christmas Number of the *St. Stephen's Review*.

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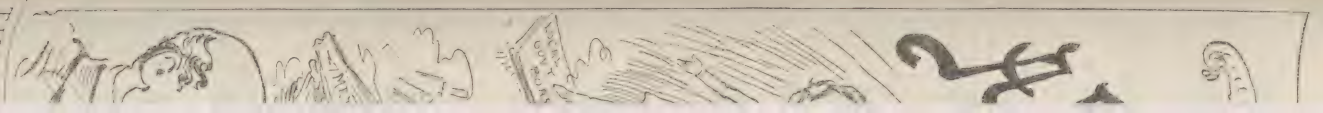

THE SHOWMAN.

Ladies and Gentlemen,—

April reigns, and no mistake—reigns with a watering-pot as sceptre! April's Sunshine—like the Sunshine of another Queen's countenance—seldom gleams in London. Let us beseech both to emerge from the clouds for our enlivenment!

Cast your eyes upon our canvas; and confess it never rains but it pours—Fortune's favours here, and Ill-luck there! Look yonder at the Ministerial pair, Lord Salisbury and William Henry Smith! What does April promise them? Why, I guess 'tis a long lease of power—aye, as long as this Parliament lasts, if they do but govern and legislate well enough to retain the Hartingtonian support of the Liberal Unionists. A strong Government, my friends—strong enough to do without such feminine spite as Arthur Balfour's running in of his Irish political opponents. Weak policy, that! Very!

See, April also rains influence, and awards the prize of the City Freedom to that strong-backed Statesman, Lord Hartington. Dame Fortune couldn't find an honester man to shower her favours on. Nor could the Liberal Unionist chief find a heartier host than Lord Mayor De Keyser!

D'ye twig Boulanger? April rained him a seat in the Chamber of France. I'm glad of it. He'll find his level there; drop his vain pretensions to Dictatorship. Anger's a bad counseller; and Boul-anger is no exception, believe me! General Boulanger brags of his "plan." Why? Why, because, like General Trochu, he hasn't got one.

Recross the Channel—to find the rain it raineth every day still. April has showered down upon

Chancellor Goschen the golden sands of Pactolus. You and I may have agreed with the G. O. M.'s resolution against one feature of Goschen's Budget. The Wheel and Horse Taxes—four-wheeler, woa! as they said in the good old times of weal and woe in the Strand—may appear oppressive. Tuppence off the infamously unfair and burdensome Income Tax would, perhaps, have been the simplest and best Budget. But Goschen means well. He's a dab at Finance; and ye may trust him to do all he can to lighten in future the heavy load of taxation under which the great majority of householders groan. Can't he make this England of ours a Land of Goschen?

A laurel for Ritchie! Vividly hit off by Linley Sambourne in this week's *Punch* as "Ritchie 's Himself Again"—My eyes, doesn't Sambourne limn his wrinkles and jet-black hair and moustache well!—the tall and masterly President of the Local Government Board bears his blushing honours modestly. I like Ritchie. He is a strong, hard-working Minister. Mark my words: the creator of County Councils will rapidly rise in Ministerial rank. Ritchie has the good luck to have a Chief who knows how to appreciate and reward masterly ability—a bright and generous trait in Salisbury's character, friends!

April could not shower titular honours upon a worthier gentleman than Sir John Pender, who merited far more than the K.C.M.G. given him for splendid telegraphic services to his country in times of War and Peace. Behold the Telegraphic Knight! Quite deservedly were his praises sung by my Lord Derby on Monday night at the grand Pender banquet at the Hôtel Métropole; and his Lordship's warm eulogium, richly merited every word of it, was the more valuable in that it came from one of the few distinguished English noblemen who may possibly some day succeed to the Premiership. Certainly, England could have no safer Statesman at the helm than sagacious, just, and clear-headed Lord Derby. Long life to him, and to sturdy and steadfast Sir John Pender, to boot!

CODLIN.

Mr. Russell Lowell sailed from Boston for England last Saturday.

The Empress Victoria of Germany has written to Dr. Friedberg, Minister of Justice, declaring that, although personally indifferent to the attacks of the press, she cannot bear to see the English doctors, who attend upon the Emperor with the greatest devotion, openly slandered; and requesting him to interfere.

Suspension of a Football Club.—A meeting of the Lancashire Football Association was held at Blackburn last Monday night to consider what steps should be taken in regard to the refusal of Preston North-End to play the final tie in the Lancashire Cup competition at Blackburn last Saturday. It was decided to suspend North-End until Dec. 31 next for their misconduct.

The Inundations in Germany.—The directors of the Bank of England have contributed £105 in aid of the Lord Mayor's fund for the relief of the sufferers by the floods in Germany. The Lord Mayor remitted on Monday another sum of £1000 to Berlin for the sufferers.

STAGE GOSSIP.

MR. AUGUSTIN DALY'S COMPANY

sailed from New York for Liverpool last Saturday by the steamer Servia. They are to appear in London at the Gaiety Theatre on May 3. Good news!

ZOLA'S NEW PLAY, "GERMINAL,"

which M. Goblet refused to authorise when Minister of Fine Arts, was brought out on Saturday night at the Paris Châtelet. It dramatises colliery life in French Flanders, and the incidents of a strike. The tableau representing the underground work of the colliery is a triumph of stage-management. There is a still more sensational one, in which the Nihilist Souvarine floods the mine. Its realism sent a thrill of horror through the spectators.

MISS SOPHIE EYRE

contemplates a short season at the Gaiety when the Daly Company conclude their series of performances after the departure of Mr. Fred Leslie for Australia.

MRS. F. H. MACKLIN

will appear at the Lyceum in "The Amber Heart" and "Robert Macaire" when Mr. Irving withdraws "Faust."

MR. WILFORD MORGAN,

the well-known vocalist and composer, gave a musical entertainment at the Avenue Theatre on Thursday.

PROFESSOR HUBERT HERKOMER

on Tuesday gave an invitation performance at his newly-erected theatre at Bushey. The object of the entertainment was to test the capacity of the stage, as well as the histrionic powers of his artistic pupils. "The Sorceress" was the title of the dramatic "fragment," and the story was explained by action, assisted by descriptive orchestral music without dialogue. Professor Herkomer painted the scenery.

WAGNER.

The second lecture of a course on the later works of Richard Wagner was delivered by Mr. Carl Armbruster, on Saturday afternoon, before a large audience, at the Royal Institution. The work specially dealt with was the "Meistersingers of Nuremberg," illustrated by the singing of the music of several of the scenes therein.

MR. RUTLAND BARRINGTON'S

dramatic version of "Mr. Barnes of New York," entitled "To the Death," will be put up at the Olympic in succession to "Christina." Mr. Willard will resume his original part, and Mr. Yorke Stephens will appear as Mr. Barnes.

MRS. BERNARD BEERE

will give a special morning performance of "Masks and Faces," on an early date in May. Miss Kate Vaughan and Mr. Henry Neville will be in the cast.

A MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC ENTERTAINMENT

will be given on Saturday evening at Queen's-gate Hall, South Kensington, in aid of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. The programme includes the comedietta, "Withered Leaves." Tickets may be obtained from Lady Nottage, 35, Collingham-road, South Kensington, or from the society's secretary, Dr. Buxton, 10, Harpur-street, Bloomsbury.

AN AMATEUR DRAMATIC

entertainment will be given on Saturday, at St. George's Hall, Langham-place, under the patronage of Princess Beatrice and Princess Frederica, and a large number of ladies of distinction, in aid of the building fund of the Working Ladies' Guild, a society which assists unmarried or widowed gentlewomen in need of employment, or in temporary difficulty. The piece to be played is Mr. W. S. Gilbert's "Pygmalion and Galatea," and the performers will include Mrs. Cecil Arkcoll and Miss Mabel Clerk, and Messrs. Quintin Twiss, S. Boulton, and A. B. Bagnold.

GRANTHAM THEATRE BURNT.

A serious fire broke out at an early hour last Sunday morning, resulting in the total destruction of the Theatre Royal, Grantham. The theatre was comparatively a new building, its present proprietor being Mr. W. R. Cogan, who lives on the premises. On Saturday Mr. Cogan, together with some relatives, left Grantham to visit his home in Yorkshire, leaving a daughter in charge of the theatre. On Saturday afternoon it was locked up, apparently all safe, about five o'clock. Preparations had been made for a large gathering of the Salvation Army, which it was intended to hold on Sunday in the place. A policeman on duty in Westgate, at a quarter to three on Sunday morning, first saw the fire, and immediately gave the alarm. The Volunteer Fire Brigade was summoned, and proceeded to the theatre, which was one mass of flames at the stage end. The firemen got to work, but it was soon found to be useless to attempt to save the body of the building, and the efforts of the firemen were directed to the adjoining property. This was preserved from destruction. Within ten minutes of the alarm being given the entire roof fell in. What was on Saturday a well-built and compact theatre now is a mass of charred wood and twisted ironwork. The damage, which is partly insured, is thought to be about £5000.

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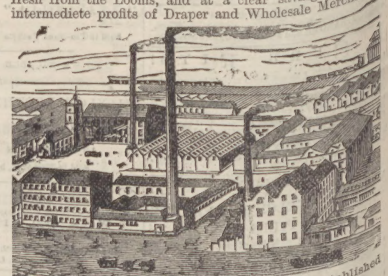

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